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MEMORANDO

- CHURCH UNIVERSAL AND TRIUMPHANT
- SUMMIT UNIVERSITY
Box A MALIBU, CALIFORNIA
- LIVINGSTON, MONTANA (PROP.AGRIC.)
- Delegação: R. Lucília Simões, 10,28
1500 LISBOA-PORTUGAL
Tel.: 704196

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~~THEFTS OF JEWELRY FROM PARIENTS~~

- ELIZABETH CLAIRE PROPHET

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CITE: //5250//

SUBJECT: CHURCH UNIVERSAL AND TRIUMPHANT, SUMMIT UNIVERSITY, BOX
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THIS COMMUNICATION IS CLASSIFIED "~~SECRET~~" IN ITS ENTIRETY.

RE PARIS TEL TO DIRECTOR (NO COPY TO LOS ANGELES) DATED
6/28/89, AND DIRECTOR TEL TO PARIS DATED 7/7/89.

ON 6/28/89, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT IT HAS COME TO THEIR ATTENTION
THAT A SECT CALLING ITSELF THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL AND TRIUMPHANT
WITH BRANCHES AT SUMMIT UNIVERSITY, BOX A, MALIBU, CALIFORNIA AND

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LIVINGSTON, MONTANA ALSO HAS A DELEGATION IN PORTUGAL AT RUA
LACILIA SIMOES, 10, 28, 1500 LISBOA-PORTUGAL (LISBON, PORTUGAL),
TELEPHONE (35) (11) 704196 IS ENCOURAGING ITS MEMBERS TO STEAL
JEWELRY FROM THEIR PARENTS IN ORDER TO SUPPORT THEIR PROPHET
ELIZABETH CLAIRE.

THIS SITUATION HAS CAUSED A GREAT DEAL OF PRESSURE ON

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 TO OBTAIN AS MUCH INFORMATION ON THIS SECT AS QUICKLY AS
POSSIBLE.

LOS ANGELES IS REQUESTED TO CHECK INDICES CONCERNING
CAPTIONED ORGANIZATION AND THROUGH CONTACTS WITH APPROPRIATE LAW
ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES DETERMINE IF CAPTIONED GROUP IS KNOWN TO
BE INVOLVED IN CRIMINAL ACTIVITY. LOS ANGELES WILL FORWARD
RESULTS TO LEGAT, PARIS IN FORMAT SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION.

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RE: CHURCH UNIVERSAL AND TRIUMPHANT
SUMMIT UNIVERSITY
BOX A
MALIBU, CALIFORNIA

Reference is made of your request for information on referenced matter.

For your information our headquarters has advised that information available to our Butte, Montana office concerning captioned group has determined that it is a religious group which has a large ranch in Livingston, Montana on which a lot of its members live and raise all their food. To date no information has come to our attention which would require FBI investigation.

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BOX A, MALIBU, CALIFORNIA [REDACTED] BUFILES AND IDENT.

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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS GATHERED FROM PUBLIC SOURCES.

ON OCTOBER 2, 1975, ELIZABETH CLARE PROPHET KING FILED
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION IN THE STATE OF MONTANA FOR THE CHURCH
UNIVERSAL AND TRIUMPHANT-THE VICAR OF CHRIST, A CORPORATION SOLE.
IN THE SAME DOCUMENTS, KING DESCRIBED HERSELF AS THE ACTING VICAR

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OF CHRIST OF THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL AND TRIUMPHANT (CUT), CHIEF BISHOP AND PRELATE HAVING CANONICALLY TAKEN POSSESSION OF THIS OFFICE ON JUNE 21, 1975. ARTICLE THREE (3) OF THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION STATE, "WE PROCLAIM THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL AND TRIUMPHANT FOUNDED BY ALMIGHTY GOD UPON THE ROCK OF THE CHRIST CONSCIOUSNESS, TO BE THE TRUE CHURCH OF JESUS THE CHRIST, GAUTAMA, THE BUDDHA, AND ALL WHO HAVE EVER BECOME ONE WITH THE CHRIST AND THE I AM THAT I AM IN THE RITUAL OF THE ASCENSION".

THE "SUMMIT LIGHTHOUSE", BOX A, MALIBU, CALIFORNIA 90265, HAS BEEN SHOWN AS THE PUBLISHER FOR THE CUT. [THE "SUMMIT LIGHTHOUSE" IS ASSOCIATED WITH SUMMIT UNIVERSITY WHICH IS ALSO OPERATED BY CUT. ADDITIONALLY, THE WORLD HEADQUARTERS OF THE CHURCH WERE PREVIOUSLY LOCATED AT 26800 WEST MULHOLLAND HIGHWAY, CALABASAS, CALIFORNIA. OTHER DOCUMENTATION RELATING TO BEQUESTS FOR THE CHURCH PROVIDES AN ADDRESS OF THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL AND TRIUMPHANT INCORPORATED, A MONTANA NON-PROFIT CORPORATION, LOCATED AT BOX A, MALIBU, CALIFORNIA.

CRITICS OF THIS ORGANIZATION HAVE DESCRIBED THE CUT AS A "HIGH PRICED MARKETING SCHEME" AND A CULT WHICH UTILIZES SOPHISTICATED RECRUITING TECHNIQUES. THE CHURCH PROMISES TO "DEVELOP LATENT SPIRITUAL FACULTIES, CONTROL AND EXPAND YOUR

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AURA, CONTROL THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF YOUR LIFE, AND CHANGE THE COURSE OF LIFE ON EARTH". THOSE CRITICAL OF THE CUT HAVE ADVISED THAT THE STUDENTS OR "CHELAS" OF THE CHURCH CONTRIBUTE TO THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL'S CONTINUAL DRIVE FOR MORE RECRUITS; DONATING THEIR MONEY, SKILLS, AND LABOR IN THE NAME OF CHURCH EXPANSION. CUT HAS ALSO BEEN DESCRIBED AS A "RELIGION" WHICH CAPITALIZES ON THE FADS AND ISSUES OF A PARTICULAR YEAR TO ATTRACT NEW MEMBERSHIP.

ACCORDING TO AN EDITORIAL IN THE "LAS VIRGENES ENTERPRISE", DATED JUNE 25, 1981, "THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL AND TRIUMPHANT IS A RELIGION OF THE HOUR, NOT A LASTING INSTITUTION. BUT WHILE IT LASTS, IT'S OUT FOR EVERY DIME THE UNWITTING PUBLIC WILL LET IT COLLECT".]

"SUMMIT UNIVERSITY" ACCORDING TO OTHER PUBLIC SOURCE DOCUMENTS, HAS A RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND OFFERS A VARIETY OF CHURCH PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE. ADDITIONALLY, COURSES HAVE BEEN OFFERED BY THE "UNIVERSITY" PERTAINING TO CHURCH IDEOLOGY AND PRACTICES.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

REFERENCE PARIS TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, JULY 28, 1989.

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LOS ANGELES INDICES REFLECT LA FILE 196A-1620 ENTITLED,
"UNSUBS, AKA [REDACTED] ET AL, DBA CHURCH UNIVERSAL AND
TRIUMPHANT; FRAUD BY WIRE; MAIL FRAUD; OO: LOS ANGELES".

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LOS ANGELES INDICES ALSO REFLECT FREEDOM OF INFORMATION FILE
NUMBERS 190-2376 AND 190-2598. [THE ABOVE FRAUD BY WIRE MATTER
CONCERNED UNSUBS, AKA [REDACTED] AND OTHER ALIASES WHICH WERE
HIGHLY PLACED MEMBERS OF THE CUT. ALLEGEDLY, THIS ORGANIZATION
HAS AS ONE OF ITS GOALS, THE INFILTRATION OF GOVERNMENT AGENCIES
AND A FORM OF CONQUEST AND REORGANIZATION OF THE GOVERNMENT.
ALLEGEDLY, THE CHURCH HAS AN ENFORCEMENT ARM THAT IS SUPPLIED
HEAVILY WITH AUTOMATIC WEAPONS. FORMER MEMBERS ARE CRITICAL OF
TREATMENT AND HARASSMENT UPON LEAVING THE CHURCH AS A RESULT OF
INTERNAL PRACTICES, IDEOLOGIES, AND METHODS. ALLEGATIONS HAVE
BEEN MADE CONCERNING CRIMINAL ACTIVITY RELATING TO THE OPERATION
OF THE CHURCH. LOS ANGELES NOTES THAT SINCE NO FEDERAL
VIOLATIONS WERE DETERMINED TO EXIST, NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION WAS
CONDUCTED.]

LEGAT PARIS IS REQUESTED TO DISSEMINATE THE APPROPRIATE
PORTIONS OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION TO [REDACTED]

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IN VIEW OF THE FACT ALL LOGICAL INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN

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CONDUCTED, THIS MATTER IS CONSIDERED RUC.

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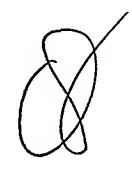
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RE LEGAT PARIS TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR AND LOS ANGELES
CAPTIONED AS ABOVE DATED 7/26/89, AND LOS ANGELES TELETYPE DATED
8/25/89.



LOS ANGELES IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT, AS INDICATED IN
REFERENCED LEGAT PARIS TELETYPE, LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES
TO DETERMINE IF THEY HAVE PERTINENT CRIMINAL INFORMATION ON
CAPTIONED ORGANIZATION. THIS CONTACT IS IMPORTANT IN LIGHT OF
THE ALLEGATIONS STATED IN REFERENCED LOS ANGELES TELETYPE THAT
"...THIS ORGANIZATION HAS AS ONE OF ITS GOALS, THE INFILTRATION
OF GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND A FORM OF CONQUEST AND REORGANIZATION

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OF THE GOVERNMENT... (AND THAT) THE CHURCH HAS AN ENFORCEMENT ^{ARM} ~~AREA~~
THAT IS SUPPLIED HEAVILY WITH AUTOMATIC WEAPONS."

LOS ANGELES WILL SUBMIT RESPONSE IN LHM SUITABLE FOR
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SUBJECT: CHURCH UNIVERSAL AND TRIUMPHANT, SUMMIT UNIVERSITY,
BOX A, MALIBU, CALIFORNIA [REDACTED] BUFILES AND IDENT.

REFERENCE LEGAT, PARIS TELETYPES DATED 8/26/89 AND
8/31/89. *7/24/89*

THIS IS TO ADVISE LEGAT, PARIS THAT FBIHQ IS NOT IN
RECEIPT OF REFERENCED TELETYPE DATED 8/26/89.

PLEASE RESUBMIT REFERENCED TELETYPE TO THE ATTENTION OF

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SUBJECT: CHURCH UNIVERSAL AND TRIUMPHANT, SUMMIT UNIVERSITY, BOX
A, MALIBU, CALIFORNIA; [REDACTED] BUFILES AND INDENT.

THIS COMMUNICATION IS CLASSIFIED ~~"SECRET"~~ IN ITS ENTIRETY.
[CONTACT WITH A LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, FAMILIAR WITH
THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL AND TRIUMPHANT, FAILED TO PRODUCE
INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS ORGANIZATION AND CRIMINAL ACTIVITY.
IN THIS REGARD, THE COMMON COMPLIANT AGAINST THE CHURCH
ORIGINATES FROM FORMER MEMBERS WHO CLAIM THEIR PERSONAL

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PROPERTY/WORLDLY POSSESSIONS PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED TO THE CHURCH WERE NOT RETURNED UPON THEIR DEPARTURE.

IN 1984 BASED ON AN ALLEGATION THAT FIREARMS WERE LOCATED ON CHURCH PROPERTY AT MULHOLLAND AND LAS VIRGINES ROAD, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT INSPECTED THE PROPERTY WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.]

ADMINISTRATIVE:

REFERENCE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, DATED AUGUST 25, 1989 AND PARIS TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, AUGUST 31, 1989.

LOS ANGELES NOTES CONTACT WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, MALIBU SUBSTATION WHICH COVERS THE PROPERTY FORMALLY OWNED BY THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL AND TRIUMPHANT. THIS CONTACT CONFIRMED THAT NO ACTIVE INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED AGAINST THE CHURCH AND NO CRIMINAL ACTIVITY WAS RECORDED. THE CHURCH PROPERTY WHICH COULD BE DESCRIBED AS A CONTROLLED ENVIRONMENT DID MAINTAIN GUARDS AT THE ENTRANCE HOWEVER THIS IS NOT UNUSUAL FOR SECTS/CULTS OF THIS NATURE.

INVESTIGATION IN LOS ANGELES CONDUCTED BY SPECIAL AGENT



SINCE ALL LOGICAL INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN COMPLETED THIS MATTER IS AGAIN CONSIDERED RUC.

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RE: CHURCH UNIVERSAL AND TRIUMPHANT (CUT)
SUMMIT UNIVERSITY
BOX A
MALIBU, CALIFORNIA

Reference is made to your request for information on captioned matter and our note No. 020 dated July 26, 1989.

The following information was gathered from public sources and FBI files:

Captioned church filed Articles of Incorporation on October 2, 1975. The "Summit Lighthouse", Box A, Malibu, California 90265 has been shown as the publisher for the CUT. The Summit Lighthouse is associated with Summit University which is also operated by CUT. Additionally, the world headquarters of the church were previously located at 26800 West Mulholland Highway, Calabasas, California. Other documentation relating to bequests for the church provides an address of the Church Universal and Triumphant Inc., a Montana non-profit corporation, located at Box A, Malibu, California.

Critics of this organization have described the CUT as a "high-priced marketing scheme" and a cult which utilizes sophisticated recruiting techniques. The church promises to "develop latent spiritual faculties, control and expand your aura, control the circumstances of your life, and change the course of life on earth." Those critical of the CUT have advised that the students or "Chelas" of the church contribute to the Church Universal's continual drive for more recruits; donating their money, skills, and labor in the name of church expansion. CUT has also been described as a "religion" which capitalizes on the fads and issues of a particular year to attract new membership.

According to an editorial in the "Las Virgenes Enterprise", dated June 25, 1981, "The Church Universal and Triumphant is a religion of the hour, not a lasting institution. But while it lasts, its out for every dime the unwitting public will let it collect."

Contact with a local law enforcement agency, familiar with the Church Universal and Triumphant, failed to produce information concerning this organization and criminal activity. In this regard, the common complaint against the church originates from former members who claim their personal property/worldly possessions previously furnished to the church were not returned upon their departure.

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In 1984 based on an allegation that firearms were located on church property at Mulholland and Las Virgines Road, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department inspected the property with negative results.

Since all logical investigation has been completed this matter is considered closed and we hope that the above information will be of assistance to



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